

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED MAY 18, 2006**

Dear Commissioner:

This paper is being submitted in reply to the Final Office Action, mailed May 18, 2006, for which the three-month date for response is August 18, 2005. In response to the Final Office Action, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

The Applicants' **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

The Applicants' **Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.